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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Application of: James P. Hearn

Application No.: 10/073,133

Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: February 13, 2002

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For: STERNUM FIXATION DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-292

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Box MISSING PARTS

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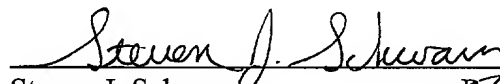
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated March 13, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicant timely submits herewith an executed Declaration for the above-referenced application, along with nineteen (19) substitute formal drawing sheets of Figures 1 - 19, which now have margins in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(g). A Power of Attorney By Assignee is also being submitted, along with an Assignment and an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

A fee of \$130.00 is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds' Deposit Account No. 16-1150. Should any other fees be required, please also charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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